

NEW ARMIES, BRITISH REPLY TO PEACE HINT

Summary of Possible Terms
Offered By Berlin Meets
English Ridicule.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—A decision to call new armies into the field by conscription, if necessary, is Great Britain's answer to what officials regard as a new "peace feeler" from Germany.

Press dispatches from Berlin and Geneva today contain new peace hints and report that the official news agency of Germany, the Wolff Bureau, has sent to newspapers a summary of possible terms of peace. This summary, according to the bureau, was prepared and printed by the Neue Zürcher Zeitung of Zurich.

Ridicule Peace Program.

Though the Wolff Bureau specifically declares that, through circulating this summary, it is not representing the government in putting out "peace feelers," that view was generally taken here today.

British officials ridicule the alleged German peace program, commenting sarcastically on the idea that Germany would exact huge indemnities from the allies.

The possible peace terms suggested by the Swiss newspaper and printed in Germany call for:

1. Evacuation of Belgium and northern France by Germany.
2. Establishment of a Polish kingdom under the domination of Germany and the payment of a large sum annually to Germany by Russia.

Return of Colonies.

3. Payment to Germany by Belgium of the sum Belgium formerly spent each year on her armies.

4. Return of all German colonies conquered by the allies.

5. Payment by the allies to Germany of an indemnity of about \$3,000,000,000.

The peace terms, the Swiss newspaper declared, should also contain some guarantees that Belgium would enter into no alliances with Germany's enemies. Germany, probably would maintain garrisons in Belgium until the allies fulfilled all conditions of the peace treaty.

French claims upon Alsace-Lorraine were ignored by the Swiss paper in drawing up its tentative peace program.

The Geneva Tribune points reports that the German chancellor will visit Vienna shortly with the object of opening peace discussions.

AUSTRIAN GRENADE HITS ITALY'S KING

Sensational Rumor Sent Out Through Overseas News Agency of Berlin.

BERLIN (via wireless to Sayville), Dec. 29.—Using Victor Emmanuel, Italy's fighting monarch is in a hospital near the Austro-Italian front after being hit by an Austrian grenade, according to a sensational rumor, received by the Overseas News Agency.

Execution for treason of a general intimate with King Victor is also rumored here, the agency continued. It adds:

"Travelers returning from northern Italy say that in consequence of the terrible methods of the police all the people of Italy are panic-stricken. There is a general dislike of the war, and it is said that if only the right man were at the head of the government Italy would make peace, in spite of the London agreement."

Roumanian Attitude Subject of Conferences

ROME, Dec. 29.—Diplomatic negotiations looking to Russia's intervention in the Balkans have resumed at Bucharest, Petrograd and Rome, it is learned.

The negotiations deal with the attitude Roumania will take in the event that a Russian army crosses her territory to attack Bulgaria. Russian and Roumanian diplomats have been in conference at the Russian embassy several times this week.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

The forecast for the District of Columbia—Rain this afternoon; fair to night and Thursday; not much change in temperature; lowest temperature tonight about 32. Strong southeast, shifting to west winds.

Maryland—Rain this afternoon; fair tonight and Thursday; not much change in temperature.

Virginia—Rain this afternoon; fair to night and Thursday; not much change in temperature.

The Weather a Year Ago Today.

Fair. Temperature, High 45 degrees. Low 33 degrees—remember Laxative Bromo Quinine cures a cold in one day. Look for signs of E. & J. BROWN.

There is only one "Bromo Quinine." Adv.

BULGARIANS TREAT AMERICANS ROUGHLY

Official Confirmation of Report.
Bulgarian Government Will
Investigate Charges.

Official confirmation has been received by the State Department of reports of the rough treatment accorded Mrs. Walter Farwell, of Chicago, formerly of Washington, and Dr. R. C. Forbes, a Red Cross surgeon, by Bulgarian troops entering Monastir.

Cabled advices declare that the Bulgarian government has ordered an investigation of the incident. The investigation will also cover charges of the forced entrance of Bulgarian troops into American Red Cross headquarters, and the seizure of a quantity of flour, after an American flag, hung over the door for protection, had been torn down.

The building was forcibly entered, State Department advices said, when Dr. Forbes refused to surrender to the Bulgarians flour he had purchased for the civil population. Mrs. Farwell attempted to photograph the Bulgarian soldiers during the raid and "had her apparatus seized and destroyed and was momentarily roughly handled."

St. Michael's School Presents Cantata

Pupils of the Sunday school of the Episcopal parish of St. Michael and All Angels presented last night a cantata, "Scene of the Nativity," under the direction of Mrs. G. H. Burnstone, the composer.

The cantata was the feature of the Christmas festival in the parish hall. The roles of the three wise men were taken by G. H. Burnstone, S. J. Howes, and S. Fowler. John Story, Charles Story, Ralph Stroman, Frank Stroman, Lester Stroman, and James Kirkland sang as shepherds. Incidental songs were given by Ernest Lindland, Gertrude Hammer, James Kirkland, and Edna Blumer.

Santa Claus, impersonated by C. J. Holiday, distributed gifts and candy.

18 Dead, 47 Injured in German Train Wreck

BERLIN (via wireless to Sayville), Dec. 29.—Eighteen German soldiers on furlough were killed and 47 wounded today when a train jumped the track at Bentschen station.

French Bombard Enemy Works in Champagne

PARIS, Dec. 29.—Bombardment of enemy works west of Navarin farm, in the Champagne region, and grenade fighting, "Chouettes," are reported in this afternoon's official communiqué.

British Army Officer Hangs Himself in Office

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Lieut. Col. Joseph Greening, C.M.G., committed suicide by hanging in the office of the Horse Guards at White Hall. His body was found today.

BILLBOARD MENACE DESCRIBED BEFORE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Cause Fires, Spread Disease,
and Aid Criminals, Asserts
Speaker.

Crusaders against the billboards and noise nuisances reported to the American Civic Association at its morning meeting at the New Willard Hotel today.

When the association met for its afternoon session Miss Margaret Wilson presided and spoke on "The School As a Community Center," and other speakers of national note, told about school social centers.

"The fundamental difficulty in meeting the billboard problem has been the objection of courts to recognizing aesthetic considerations in regulating outdoor advertising," said E. J. Millard, of Chicago, in commenting on "Present Legal Aspects of the Billboard Problem."

Are Physical Danger.

"The first objections to outdoor advertisements," he continued, "are that they offend the eyes and that the structures which generally support them tend to create physical dangers and nuisances."

"They cause fires, spread disease, and aid criminals," he continued. "Efforts in abating useless noises by Mrs. Imogen E. Oakley, of Philadelphia, she said that she had passed a 'soul-satisfying ordinance against barking dogs' and she also praised the appointment of a 'noise policeman.'"

"He is evidently the right man for the right place," she said, "for by persuasion alone he has induced blowers of whistles, ringers of bells, drivers of early morning milk carts, owners of cats and dogs with reaching, lung power, to quiet all their useless noises out of regard for their neighbor."

For Musical Hous.

Mrs. Oakley suggested that "If Mr. Ford should place in his endeavor to bring about peace in Europe he might do much to promote peace of mind in America by fitting all his cars with musical hous."

"We all believe in the rights of the individual, and that if a man wants a dog, or a rooster, or a noise making novelty," he has a right to have it, just as he has a right to refuse to be vaccinated and die of smallpox, should he earnestly desire to die that way, but he must go to the desert to enjoy those rights."

As a better day version of a municipal Golden Rule, Mrs. Oakley suggested.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children

In Use For Over 30 Years

Always bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Little*

ed this paraphrase, "Love your neighbor as yourself, and keep your dog and rooster still."

Would Save Niagara.

Necessity of legislation and a treaty with Canada to save the glory of Niagara Falls was emphasized by J. Horace McFarland before the American Civic Association last evening at the New Willard Hotel.

Mr. McFarland, who is president of the association, suggested as a slogan, "No more water from Niagara's glory," or "Improved," if the rapids above and the rapids below are to be changed into mill ponds; if the whole spectacle is to be continued as that of a helpless natural wonder—the people will keep quiet and permit the continuance of the present process," he said.

"If, on the contrary, the people of America want to keep faith with the whole world and to save for themselves and what is left of the one greatest and most accessible natural wonder of the Western Hemisphere, they will make their will known promptly."

Enos Mills, chairman of the National Park Committee, of Estes, Col., spoke on "National Parks and Preparedness," last evening. "Woman and Woodcraft," was Mrs. John Dickinson Sherman's subject, and other addresses were those by Gilbert Grosvenor on "The Needs of National Parks," R. B. Marshall, general superintendent of National Parks, on "What must be done for the Parks," and "Pictorial glimpses of our National Parks," a motion picture talk, by Robert S. Yord, of the Department of the Interior.

A national park service, which would place under one head the science, historic and recreational reservations of the country, is provided for in a bill just introduced into Congress, Richard B. Watrous, secretary of the association, told delegates last evening.

Officers Elected.

J. Horace McFarland was re-elected president of the American Civic Association at a business meeting this morning, and other officers re-elected included John Nolen, Cambridge, Mass.; William B. Howland, New York city, treasurer; Richard B. Wat-

rous, secretary; and the following vice presidents: Miss Margaret Wilson, Arnold Brunner, George B. Dooley, Mrs. Edward W. Biddle, George B. McAneny, J. Lookie Wilson, and Clinton Rogers Woodruff.

Members of the executive board elected today were: Mrs. Elmer E. Black, of New York city; Miss Mable Black, of Washington; Allen Chamberlain, of Boston; Charles M. Dow, of Danvers, N. Y.; Morton B. Hull, of Chicago; Thomas H. Martin, of Tacoma; Miss Louise Klein Miller, of Cleveland; Enos Mills, of Estes Park, Col.; Lee J. Nide, of Fort Wayne, Ind.; Frederick Law Olmsted, of Brookline, Mass.; Mrs. Percy V. Pennycuik, of Austin, Tex.; Charles G. Plummer, of Salt Lake City; the Rev. A. H. Scott, of Perth, Canada; Mrs. John Dickinson Sherman, of Chicago; Howard N. Strong, of Minneapolis; T. C. Thompson, of Chattanooga; the Rev. John Van Schick, Jr., of Washington, and Prof. Frank A. Vaughn, of Amherst, Mass.

Postoffice Christmas Business Sets Record

Reports received at the Postoffice Department today showed the postal business in various big cities during the Christmas holidays was from 15 to 25 per cent greater than last year. The average increase was about 25 per cent.

In many of the postoffices the clerical forces were compelled to work thirteen hours continuously to take care of the great volume of letters, packages and parcels. Figures showing the total sale of stamps and stationery during the holidays are expected by the department next week.

Prisoner Hangs Self.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 29.—Arrested on a charge of robbery, Walter Bender hanged himself early today in his cell at City Hall. He used a strap for the purpose, and had been dead several hours when his body was discovered by a turnkey.

NEW INDICTMENTS IN PLOT CASE EXPECTED

Grand Jury in New York to Investigate Fresh Charges of
Alien Conspiracy.

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State District Attorney H. Snowden Marshall, of New York.

House officials expert on precedents declared Buchanan could not be forced to retire from Congressional duties until tried. Conduct of an indicted member of Congress is largely a matter of personal taste. Precedents due out today are conflicting. Former Senator Mitchell of Oregon, indicted for alleged land frauds, resigned, but former Congressman Castle of Pennsylvania, indicted in the Harrisburg capitol scandal, retained his seat and attended House sessions.

Declaring his indictment was a "frame-up" in District Attorney Marshall's office, Buchanan today said disclosures in the impeachment case before the House Judiciary Committee would reach men "higher up" responsible for alleged persecution.

Buchanan was undecided whether to await arrest under the bench warrant issued in New York, or to there voluntarily this week to plead not guilty and arrange bail. Department of Justice officials said his actual arrest is not contemplated.

French warrants are expected for Henry C. Martin and Herman Baumgart, of the so-called "anti-trust league," and former Congressman Robert Fowler of Illinois, general counsel of the peace council, indicted with Buchanan.

Nearly \$3,000,000,000 In French War Loan

PARIS, Dec. 29.—Nearly \$3,000,000,000 in the amount of the subscriptions to the French "Victory Loan," according to an official announcement. The offers came not only from France, but from England, Switzerland, Holland, Spain, Argentina, and other foreign countries, showing universal confidence in the stability of the government and its credit abroad. Of the sum \$180,000,000 will be used to repay advances made by the Bank of France.

BERLIN (by wireless to Sayville), December 29.—Cash payments on the third German war loan reached \$2,777,975,000 on December 23, this being 91.4 per cent of the total subscription, the Overseas News Agency announced, this despite the fact that only 15 per cent of the total is so far due.

POSLAM ALLAYS SKIN SUFFERING QUICKLY

If you suffer from Eczema or any itching affection so torturing and aggravating, Poslam is ready to free you from distress, as it has in hundreds of cases. Allays itching and soothes inflamed skin. Quickly relieves aggravation and distress. Takes soreness out of cuts, scalds, bruises, comforts itching feet and various forms of itching irritation. For skin protection make it a point to keep some Poslam handy.

Poslam soap is medicated with Poslam; the ideal soap for daily use on the skin; toilet and bath.

For samples, send 4c stamps to Emergency Laboratories, 32 West 25th St., New York City. Sold by all Druggists.

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All-Metal Kitchen Scales 19c

The most convenient scales ever made for home use. Accurate weight, shoddy up to 2 lbs. Large metal pan supported by stout chains and all-steel base. Reliable in every way—made in America. Get yours early.

THIS After-Christmas Clean-Up Sale offers a host of the most wonderful Furniture values ever advertised. Our regular underselling prices have been cut to the extreme. So USE YOUR CREDIT and come and get the things you need for your home while these bargains hold good.

This Six-Piece Colonial Mahogany-Finish Bedroom Suite \$52.50

This Suite Is Also Shown in Golden Oak, With Heavy Plank Tops

The six pieces are faithfully shown in the illustration, but come to the store and inspect the goods carefully. They'll stand close inspection because they are built according to high-class specifications. The Dresser, Chiffonier, Dressing Table, Chair, and Rocker are in mahogany finish and are perfectly matched. The 2-inch-post Brass Bed is finished in guaranteed lacquer. You'd find it difficult to duplicate the Suite anywhere under at least \$20 more.

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